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In the claims:

Please replace the pending claims with the listing of claims set forth below:

1. - 18. (cancelled)

~~19.~~ (allowed) An isolated dorsalin-1 polypeptide comprising continuous amino acids, the sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9.

20. - 40. (cancelled)

~~41.~~² (allowed) A composition comprising the isolated dorsalin-1 polypeptide of claim ~~19~~¹ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

~~42.~~³ (allowed) The composition, of claim ~~41~~², wherein the composition comprises an amount of isolated dorsalin-1 polypeptide effective to stimulate neural crest cell differentiation.

43. - 48. (cancelled)